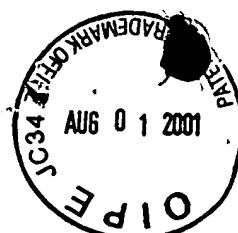


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RESPONSE

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated June 27, 2001, applicant hereby encloses a copy of said Notice, a Declaration of the inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, a Verified Declaration of Small Entity Status, an Assignment with accompanying Recordation Form Cover Sheet, and a check in the total amount of \$105.00 representing payment of the declaration surcharge (\$65.00) and patent assignment recordation fee (\$40.00).

It is felt that a full and complete response has been made to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application. If the Examiner feels, for any reason, that a personal interview will expedite the prosecution of this application, he or she is invited to phone applicant's attorney.

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